

HO-551

'Oakland Manor' Washhouse and Icehouse ('Eye of the Camel'; Rose Price Cottage)
5432 Vantage Point Road
Columbia

Description:

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Significance:

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Inventory No. HO-551

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Oakland Manor Washhouse and Icehouse
other	Eye of the Camel, Rose Price Cottage

2. Location

street and number	5432 Vantage Point Road	not for publication
city, town	Columbia	vicinity
county	Howard	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Columbia Association, Inc.			
street and number	10221 Wincopin Circle	telephone	410-730-4744	
city, town	Columbia	state	MD	zip code 21044-3423

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Howard County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	30-308
city, town	Ellicott City	liber	3324 folio 191

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Description:

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The west elevation has a new door in the center bay with a cut stone sill and lintel. The door has a beaded-interior-edge frame. To either side is a six-over-six sash with a beaded frame with a wood sill and a cut stone lintel. The cross gable is parged and has a round-arched six-over-six sash with a wood sill. There is a wood box cornice with returns, and the soffit of the cornice has three slats with gaps between them. The south elevation foundation has a six-over-six sash in the east bay with a plain frame and a wood sill. The first story has two six-over-six sash with wood sills, beaded frames, and cut stone lintels. The gable end has two six-over-six sash with wood sills and parged lintels. The sills are set below the eave line. There is a wood finial at the ridge with a drop pendant, and the top of this is broken off. The north end of the ridge also has a drop pendant. On the south elevation of the addition, the foundation has a boarded-up door and a six-over-six sash in a plain frame to the east. Both the first and second stories have a six-over-six sash in a plain frame in the center. The east elevation of the addition has German siding on the basement and first story and raw wood sheathing on the upper story. There is a boarded-up window opening in the south bay of both the first and upper stories, with no other openings. The north bay of the stone building has a boarded-up opening in the foundation and the first story.

The interior of the washhouse has one room in the stone section on the first story, with carpeting, paneling, and drywall on the ceiling over top of some sawn lath. The attic joists are sash sawn and run east-west, and the flooring above them is also sash sawn. The south elevation has a fireplace with a firebrick firebox, a tile hearth, and a modern brick surround. There is a wood mantel that has plain pilasters and plain raised impost blocks. The bed mould has a bead at the top, a quirked Greek ogee with a lip to it, and a cavetto below it that is very similar to the attic baseboard. The mantel shelf is squared off above the imposts and is bowed between the imposts. The edge of the shelf has a Greek ovolo and bead. This mantel was probably reused from somewhere within the house. The frame addition has modern partitions and a stairway to the basement.

The basement floor of the stone section appears to have been lowered approximately 8 inches and has linoleum tile. There is a

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fireplace on the south elevation that has been closed off and has a thimble in the chimney above it. The stone walls have been parged with a thin, Portland-cement-based stucco. The east wall has doorways in the north and center bays, with modern doors, and an enclosed window opening in the south bay. The west wall has CMU infill set south of center that closes off the doorway to the icehouse.

Icehouse

The icehouse is located between the mansion house and the wash house, is completely underground, and has no part of its structure visible above ground (and apparently never did). The CMUs closing off the doorway to the icehouse were broken out, revealing a barrel-vaulted tunnel built of rubble stone that is several feet below the floor of the washhouse basement and slopes down to the west. At the west end of the tunnel is an opening with a cut stone lintel that gives access to the icehouse proper. The icehouse is a circular, domed, rubble stone structure with several feet of debris on the floor (including bottles and china), which is several feet below the level of the tunnel. The icehouse is approximately 18 feet in diameter and approximately 25 feet high, with a square opening at the top of the dome that has been closed off.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1825-38

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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house changed functions later in the nineteenth, or in the first half of the twentieth centuries. The dormer window and the drop pendants were probably added later in the nineteenth century to modernize it stylistically. (1)

Miriam J. Keller purchased "Oakland Manor" in 1949 and converted several buildings on the farm to dwellings, including the wash house. Keller's son-in-law, Cdr. Allen M. Dame, was in the Navy and enrolled in a post-graduate program at the Naval Academy at the same time that she bought "Oakland," so she built a frame addition onto the back of the old washhouse and renovated the old structure for her daughter and son-in-law to live in for a year. The fireplace on the first story has been altered, probably at this time, and has a wood mantel that appears consistent with those that survive in the mansion house. Given that the wash house was a work space, it seems likely that this mantel was moved here from the mansion after the renovations were done to the mansion by the Ryans c. 1940. From 1950 to 1956 the wash house was rented to a Dr. Bryson. In 1956 Sigmund and Rose Price bought the mansion and five acres, and in the 1960s the manor house was converted to a health spa specializing in weight loss. At that time the wash house became a dwelling for the Prices. The Rouse Company acquired most of the farmland and buildings in 1963 and the five acres with the mansion in 1966 and "Oakland Manor" in turn became a satellite campus for Antioch College, then Dag Hammarskjold College, then offices for the American Red Cross, and since 1988 has been owned by the Columbia Association and is available to rent for weddings and other activities. At some point the wash house became commercial space for a business known as the "Eye of the Camel," and this name was given to the building in the 1970s. An addition was put on the north end and the building became the center for African American history and culture in Howard County. (2)

Notes:

1. Baltimore American, 21 September 1838, p. 3, col. 7. Partially quoted in Michael F. Trostel, "A Report for the Adaptive Uses of Oakland," typescript, 1985. Charles E. Peterson, Notes on Hampton Mansion (College Park: University of Maryland, 2000), pp. 56-57.

2. H. Elizabeth Dame (nee Keller), Los Altos, CA, to Columbia Archives, personal correspondence, 2 November 2004.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3.839 acres

Acreage of historical setting 533 acres

Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the east half of the property on map 30, p. 308, which encompasses the mansion house. Other historic structures on the property have been inventoried separately.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ken Short

organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date 9/17/2008

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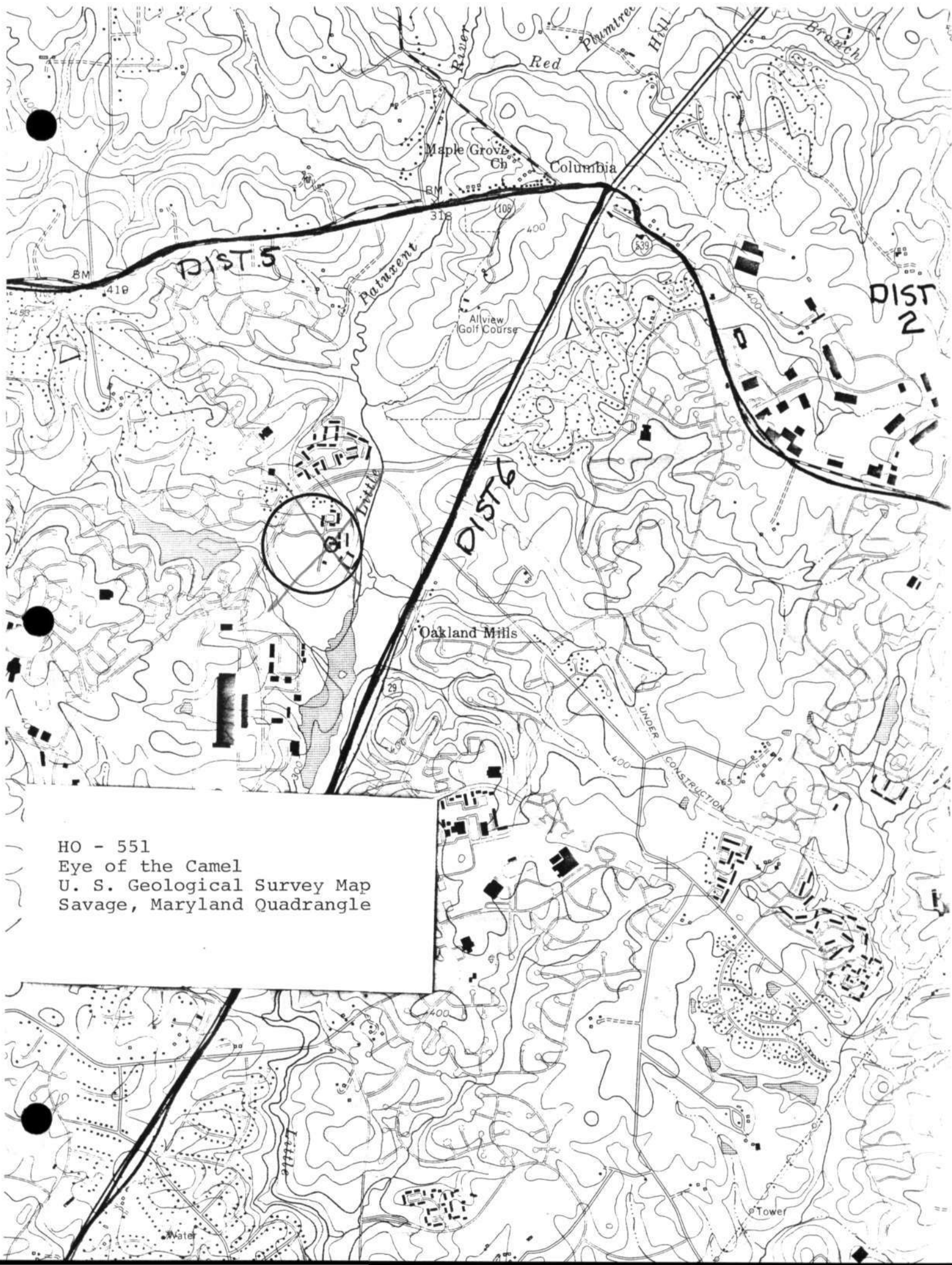
city or town Ellicott City

state MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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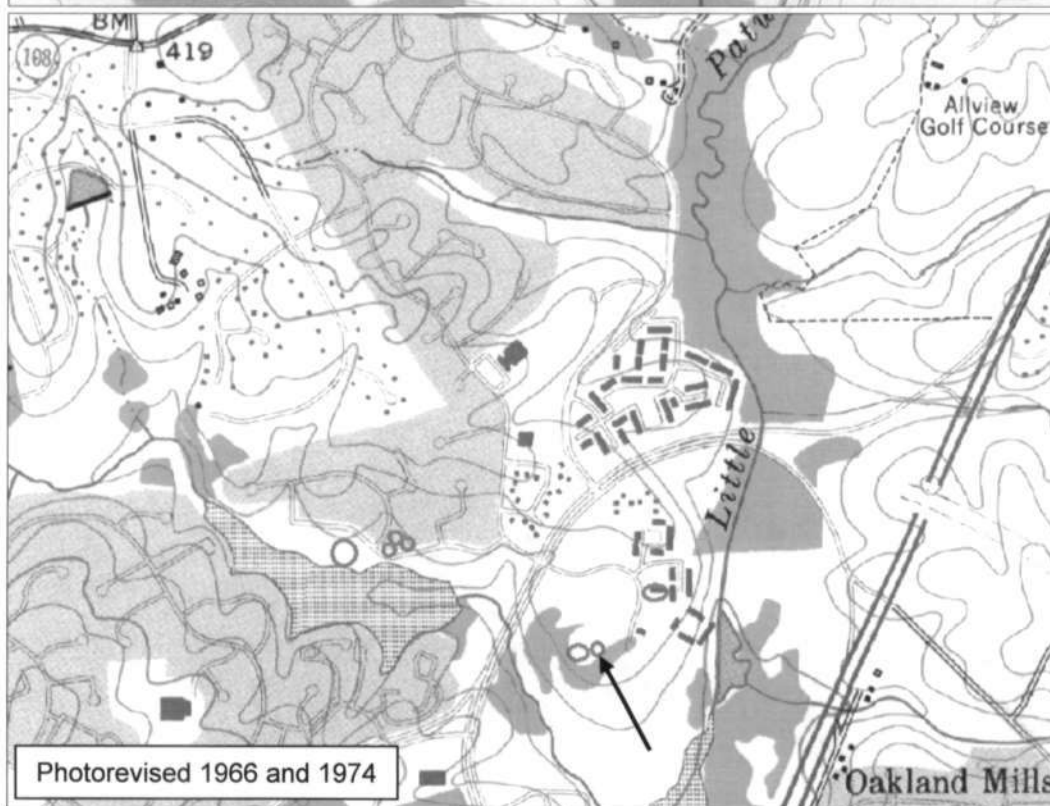
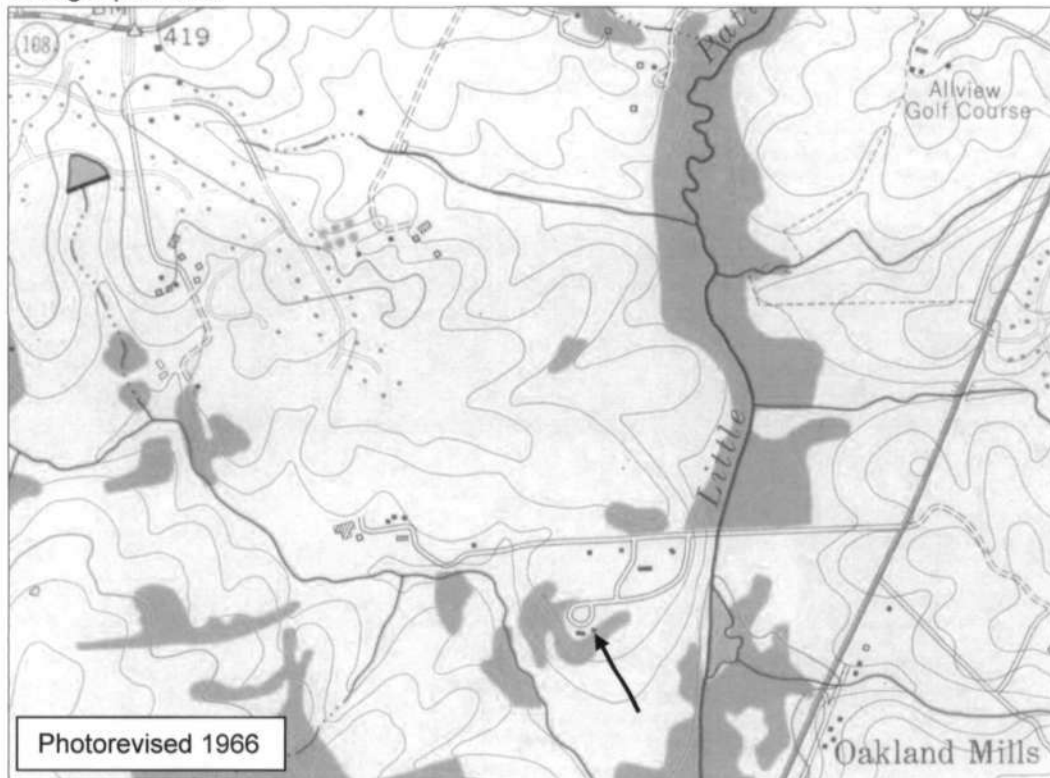
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Eye of the Camel
U. S. Geological Survey Map
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle

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5432 Vantage Point Road

Savage quad 1957



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'Oakland Manor' Washhouse and Icehouse
(Eye of the Camel; Rose Price Cottage)

5432 Vantage Point Road
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

HO-0551_20071004_01
Washhouse, west & south elevations

HO-0551_20071004_02
Washhouse, mantel

HO-0551_20080903_01
Icehouse entrance

HO-0551_20080903_02
Icehouse dome



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Icehouse

("Eye of the Camel"; Rose Price Cottage)

5432 Vantage Point Rd

Howard Co. Md

Ken Short, Photographer

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Washhouse, west + south elevations



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5432 Vantage Point Rd

Howard Co MD

Ken Short, photographer

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Washhouse, mantel



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Howard Co MD
Ken Short, photographer
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Icehouse entrance

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Oakland Manor Washhouse &
Icehouse
("Eye of the Camel";
Rose Price Cottage)

5432 Vantage Point Rd
Harvard Co MD

Ken Short, photographer

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Icehouse dome

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The Eye of the Camel

Columbia

Private

CIRCA 1820

The Eye of the Camel faces south on the south side of Vantage Point Road, north of Oakland Manor. It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, one-and-a-half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) stone building, resting on a full, stone foundation, with wide brick chimney centered into its west wall and an intersecting attic gable (running north-south), holding a roman arched, double-hung window with six-over-six lights. The central rectangular, south entrance door for the building is fronted by one wide, granite block, surmounted by a flat stone lintel and flanked by single, rectangular, double-hung, first floor windows. Each window holds six-over-six lights, is underlined by a flat wooden sill, and surmounted by a flat stone lintel.

A one bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, shed roofed, frame addition runs along the central and west bays of the north elevation

Associated with Oakland Manor, the building may date from the eighteenth century. Recently, it has been used as an art study, called the "Eye of the Camel", but now is boarded up.

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Savage Quad
District 5
MAGI #1405515335

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Eye of the Camel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5432

~~9879~~ Vantage Point Road

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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Columbia

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21044

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Tax Map 30, p. 353
Hall of Records

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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Savage Quad
District 5

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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A one bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, shed roofed, frame addition runs along the central and west bays of the north wall, creating an "L" plan.

THE EAST ELEVATION

The east elevation of the stone house holds a ground floor, rectangular entrance. Two first and attic floor, vertically aligned, rectangular, double-hung windows holding six-over-six lights, rest in this wall. Iron grates are placed over the ground floor entrance and the first floor, south bay window.

The east wall of the shed roof, frame addition slopes downward, creating a full, ground floor level, holding a rectangular entrance and north of the entrance a window, similar to those described, covered by an iron grate. A similar, first and second floor window lies above.

THE WEST ELEVATION

The west wall of the stone house once held two first floor windows, similar to those described, which have now been blocked in with matching stone work, now covered by ivy. A similar, rectangular, attic window is centered into the "A" line formed by the gable roof.

The west wall of the frame addition holds a similar first floor and attic window. At this elevation, with the deep slope of land, which occurs on this elevation, these windows become first and second floor windows.

THE NORTH ELEVATION

The west bay of the north elevation of the stone house holds a rectangular, ground floor entrance, surmounted by a flat stone lintel and a first floor window, similar to those already described.

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The central and east bays of the north wall hold the shed roofed, frame addition. The north wall of this addition holds a first floor and attic window, similar to those described, which become on this elevation a second and third floor window.

The interior was totally renovated under Mr. Levering and his associates, maintaining the central staircase, but totally face lifting the interior walls, floors and ceiling of the building for use as an art studio, with the front rooms of the old stone house serving as exhibition space.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	XARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Eye of the Camel is a significant building for Howard County and the State of Maryland, historically through its associations with Oakland Manor and architecturally as a fine example of nineteenth century, Howard County, vernacular stone architecture.

Historically, it is associated with Oakland Manor, residence of Luther Martin, Attorney General of Maryland, and later of Robert Oliver, the English hunter, who built Oliver's Carriage House, now used by the Kittamaquindi Community for their church.

The manor is located just south of The Eye of the Camel and may once have been connected to it in some way by a wide stone passage, now excavated on the north side of Oakland Manor.

The following history, taken from The Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard County, Maryland, was written by J. D. Warfield.

From here, Colonel Charles Sterrett Ridgely commanded his troopers as the bodyguard of General Lafayette, in 1825. Here was born Lieutenant Randolph Ridgely, a hero of the Mexican War.

From here George R. Gaither drove his four iron-grays to St. John's Church each Sunday. From here Colonel George R. Gaither organized his Howard Dragoons, successors to Colonel Charles Carroll's Dragoons, of earlier days. Colonel Carroll's reviews of Gaither's Troopers ended in a royal treat of Southdown mutton and its attendants. All this was after Howard had risen to the dignity of her county rights and before war had come to check her proud career.

The sixty young men of Gaither's Troopers, all relations and friends, with a future that seemed bright, soon were ordered to take up arms in defense of the State. They

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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obeyed; with their Captain they crossed over the river, some to return not, some to go elsewhere, but few to remain. The Captain himself has passed on before.

This building was probably used to house a member of the household or to lodge a manager or overseer for the Manor.

Architecturally, the building is representative of vernacular stone architecture in Howard County, built into a steep slope of land so that the ground floor on the south elevation becomes a first floor on the north elevation.

Sometime in the mid-nineteenth century the central intersecting gable on the south facade may have been added, as its stone has been covered by cement or stucco, suggesting this may be constructed of frame beneath.

Excellent stonework is exemplified by the building's stone quoining, the projecting flat stone sills underlining windows, and the flat stone lintels over door and window frames.

This stone building, in conjunction with Oakland Manor, Oliver's Carriage House, the three stone buildings on neighboring Hyla Brook Road, as well as the three stone and frame houses along the Old Columbia Pike, just south of Route 175, were all situated on and a part of Oakland Manor and Oakland Mills and should be considered together for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Sites, as those visible expressions of a once grand manor and industrial mill (located beneath Route 29 at its intersection with Route 175).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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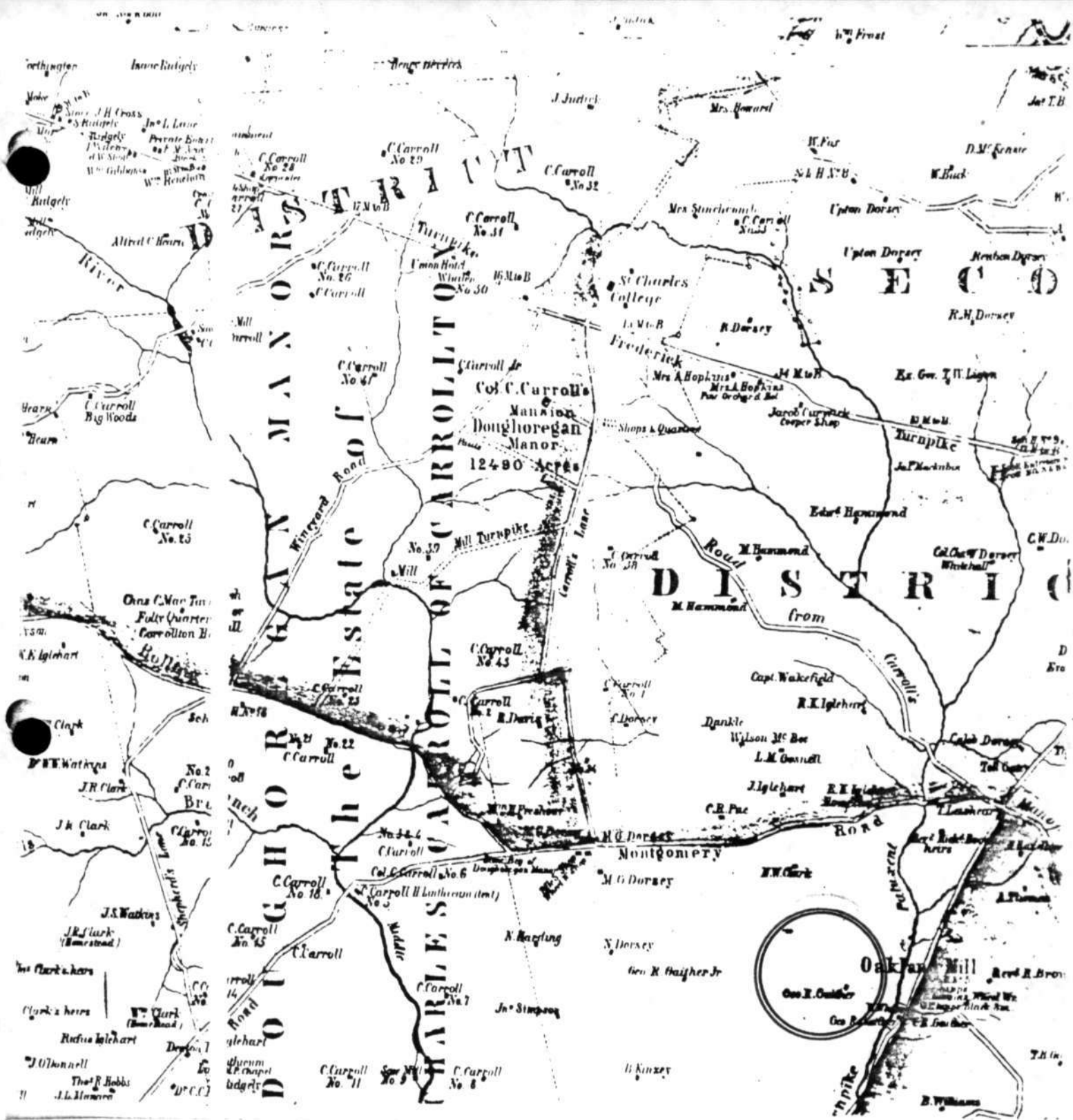
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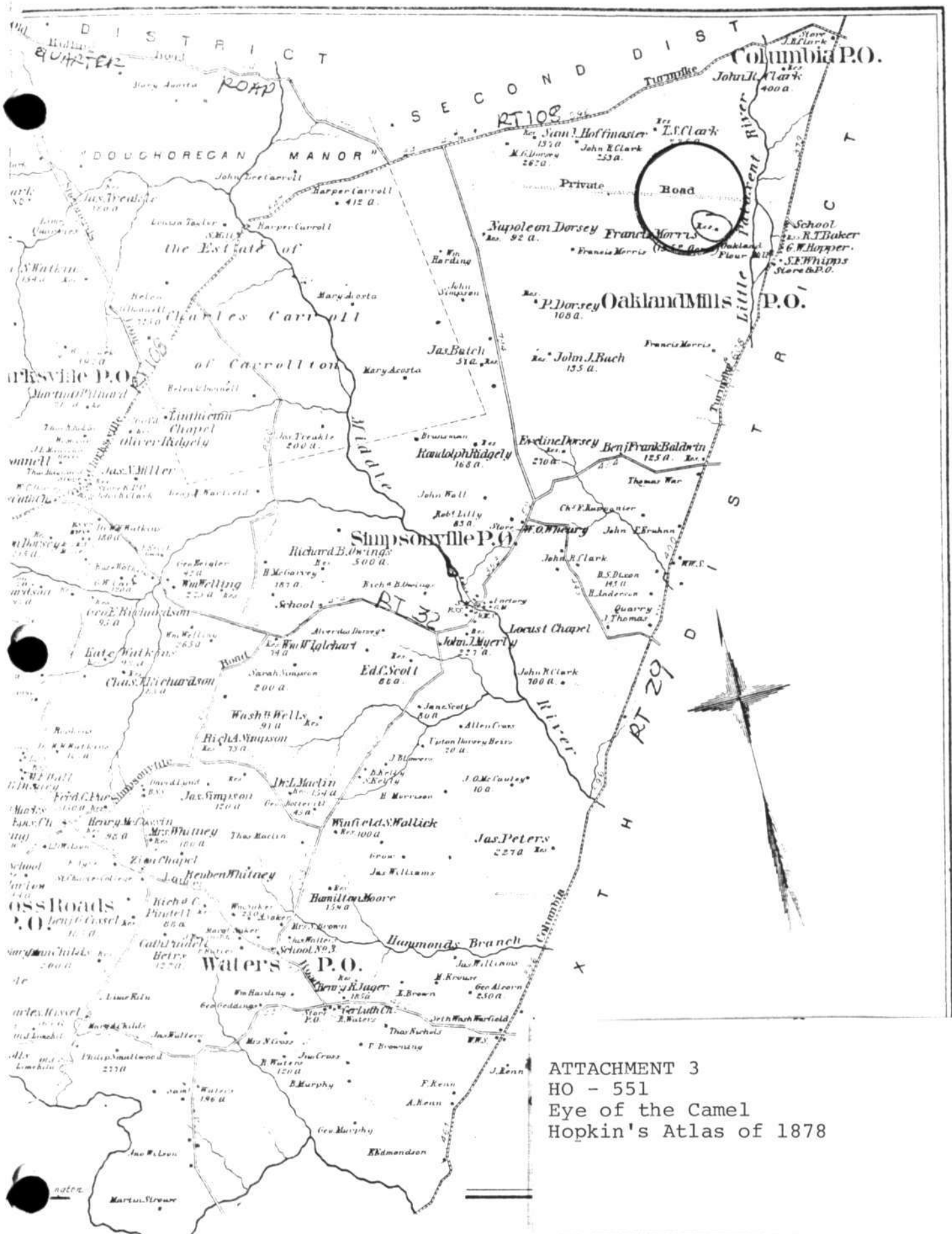
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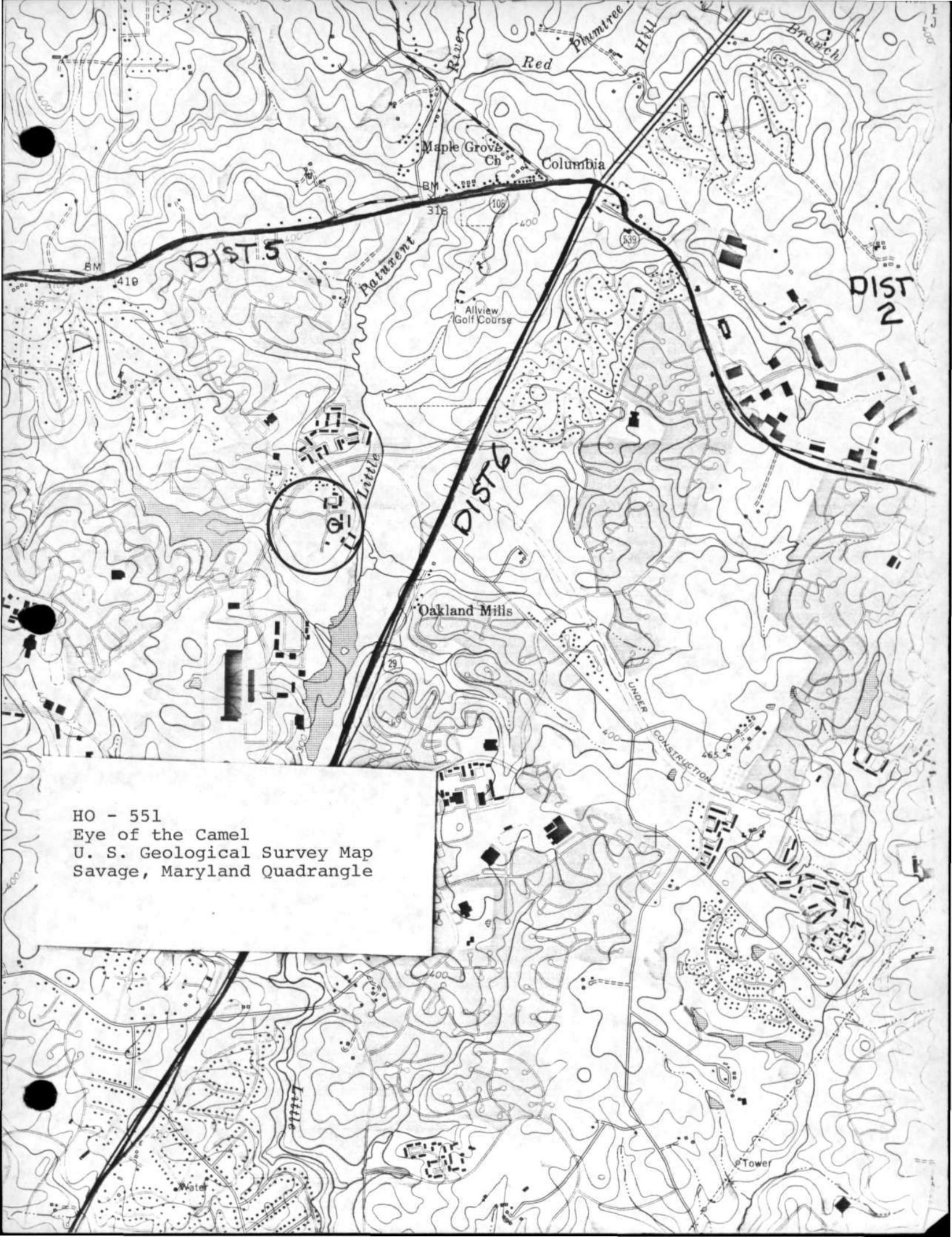


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Eye of the Camel
Martenet Map of 1860





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Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



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Savage, Maryland Quadrangle



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